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1. LIPKIN ARRIVED UST OCTOBER 20 AND ASSIGNED SINGLE ROOM IN AFRICA HALL. ALTHOUGH SHE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE HER OWN HOUSING AND NOT LIVE IN DORM BPAO AND CAO HAVE EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS PLUS REALITIES OF GHANAIAN DAILY LIFE WHICH INCLUDES LENGTHY QUEUES FOR ESSENTIALS, DIFFICULTY AND HIGH COST OF TRANSPORTATION AS CAMPUS EIGHT MILES FROM CITY CENTER. SHE APPEARS TO HAVE ACCEPTED PRESENT SITUATION BUT WOULD PREFER LARGER QUARTERS AND MORE PRIVACY. ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH WILL BE EXPLORED IS FOR HER TO OCCUPY ONE OF A NUMBER OF ONE BEDROOM FLATS USED FOR TRANSIENT VISITORS. COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 200 MONTHLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY LESS IF UST ALLOWED HER TO RENT AT OFFICIAL GUEST RATE. IF THIS BECOMES FEASIBLE UST WOULD PRO-RATE ROOM AND BOARD FEES AND APPLY REMAINDER TO RENT.

2. UST TUITION HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM CEDIS 700 TO CEDIS 1500 FOR NON-AFRICAN STUDENTS (APPROXIMATELY FROM DOLS 609 TO DOLS 1305). AS CHECK FOR TUITION WAS ISSUED FOR DOLS 700 THIS MEANS ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF DOLS 605 IS NEEDED. GRANT SHOULD BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY TO REFLECT THIS AMOUNT. RFC PARIS HAS STOPPED PAYMENT ON STOLEN CHECKS AND EMBASSY HAS ASKED CASH FOR TWO CHECKS FOR FIRST INSTALLMENTS OF MATERIALS

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AND TRAVEL ALLOWANNAF TOTALING DOLS 250 THUS GIVING LIPKIN

SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE EXPENSES. BPAO HAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED UST OF THEFT AND UNIVERSITY IS ALLOWING LIPKIN TO REGISTER AND LIVE IN DORM PENDING REISSUE OF TUITION AND ALLOWANCE CHECKS.

3. LIPKINS DESPAIR OVER HOUSING HAS BEEN OFFSET BY HER INITIAL CONTACTS WITH HEAD OF UST ARTS FACULTY AND DIRECTOR OF GHANA

NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER BOTH OF WHOM INDICATE THAT WHE WILL BE ABLE TO FULLYPKIRSUE HER INTERESTS.
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